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Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph [0032] with the following amended paragraph:

[0032] The apparatus of the invention includes a multiple battery system. The multiple battery system includes a battery housing having a common positive terminal and a common negative terminal each coupled to an electrical system. The main battery has a main positive output and a main negative output and the at least one auxiliary battery has an auxiliary positive output and an auxiliary negative output. The multiple battery system includes a main electrical circuit that couples the common positive terminal with at least one switching device. The at least one switching device has at least two [(i.e., a plurality of)] operating positions. In a first operating position of the at least two operating positions the common positive terminal is coupled to the main positive output of the main battery and to a one-way charging circuit that precedes and is coupled to the auxiliary positive output. In a second operating position the common positive terminal is coupled through the at least one switching device to a point in the main circuit beyond the one-way charging circuit that couples to the auxiliary positive output, coupling the common positive terminal to the auxiliary positive output.